

Remarks/Election

Claims

The September 10, 2004 communication sets forth two purported groups: Group I, represented by claims 1-10 and Group II, represented by claims 11-16.

Please cancel Group II, represented by claims 11-16.

Remarks/Election

Applicants hereby elect for further prosecution of claims 1-10, which are the claims of Group I according to the Examiner's classification. Applicants have cancelled the non-elected claims of Group II, represented by claims 11-16 although Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to the subject matter of the nonelected claims prior to the issuance of a patent on those claims elected for further prosecution at this time.

An action on the merits is solicited.

Although Applicant believes that this Amendment does not result in additional fees, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2112.

Respectfully yours,



Jean M. Dickman
Reg. No. 48,538

JMD:nlm

SHOOK, HARDY & BACON, L.L.P.
2555 Grand Boulevard
Kansas City, Missouri 64108
Tel.: 816/474-6550
Fax: 816/421-5547